GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006
GROWTH IN HANDICRAFT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered units exporting handicrafts and concessions/facilities provided to them by the Government, State-wise;

(b) the year-wise details of the value of handicrafts exported by the country during each of the last three years and current year;

(c) the details of India's handicraft share in the international market;

(d) whether any decline has been registered in the exports of handicrafts during the above period;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps taken to promote the exports of handicrafts and to enhance India's share in world market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.195 FOR ANSWER ON 5.12.2006.

(a): The number of registered units (State-wise) exporting handicrafts are 6917 as on 31.03.2006. The concessions and facilities provided by the Government include assistance under Market Development Assistance Scheme for participation in international fairs, exhibitions, study tours, publicity, duty drawback on export of certain handicraft products.

(b): The year-wise details of the value of handicrafts exported by the country during the last three years and current year is as under:-

S.No.	Year	Value Rs. In crores
1	2003-04	13555.00
2	2004-05	15984.00
3	2005-06	16186.00
4	2006-07 (upto April-Oct., 2006)	7768.40

Quantity-wise data is not maintained.
(c): As per study conducted by M/s. Frost & Sullivan the share of exports of Indian Handicrafts in world market during 2003 was 1.76%.

(d): No Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Steps taken for promoting export of handicrafts and to enhance its share in the international market include participation in exhibitions/fairs, organising Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair twice a year, organising thematic exhibitions, development of innovative value added products through Product Development Programme, organising programmes for packing and export procedure, setting up of India Expo Centre & Mart, etc.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.195 for answer on 05.12.2006.

STATE-WISE LIST OF HANDICRAFT EXPORTERS

AS ON 31.03.2006

S.No. Name of State. Number of Exporters

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 53
2. ASSAM 9
3 BIHAR 2
4. CHHATTISGARH 1
5. DELHI 2791
6. GOA 2
7 GUJARAT 101
8. HARYANA 153
9. HIMACHAL PRADESH 9
10. J&K 33
11. JHARKHAND 1
12. KARNATAKA 155
13. KERALA 44
14. MADHYA PRADESH 29
15. MAHARASHTRA 381
16. MIZORAM 1
17. ORISSA 10
18. PUNJAB 117
19. RAJASTHAN 984
20. TAMIL NADU 230
21. UTTAR PRADESH 1556
22. UTTARANCHAL 35
23. WEST BENGAL 220
TOTAL 6917